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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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Aiding Britain's Exports

The United Kingdom export council which was established to maintain and expand Britain's export trade under war conditions recently published a statement setting forth its aims and programme. In reporting this to the Department of Trade and Commerce Frederic Hudd, chief Canadian trade commissioner in the Old Country, states that the council's duty is "to ensure that every agency concerned makes every effort to attain this objective, and they will recommend to the Government any measures they may find necessary or desirable."

The report, which is published in the current issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal, states further that, "If export trades are organized or will organize themselves so as to make it possible for them to work with the export council in securing the necessary adjustments in the wartime machinery of trade and so as to profit effectively from the direction, guidance and support which the government are ready to give, the general situation internally and externally is such that the council are confident a substantial increase of exports can be achieved."

Consummate Humbug

The proclamation issued by the German military commanders to the peoples of Norway and Denmark, as an explanation of the invasion of those countries, puts the crown on Nazi effrontery. After setting forth that the Allies were responsible for the present war, and that they have always been desirous of making the Scandinavian lands a battleground, an excuse for this latest act of banditry is found in the violation of neutral rights by the British Navy. Because of Mr. Churchill's callous disregard of international obligations, the statement proceeds, it has become necessary to protect the Scandinavian countries, seeing that they are either unable or unwilling to protect themselves against "English-French warmakers."

A Notable Feat

Executive ability and a notable feat of seamanship displayed by an 18-year-old deckboy after his ship had been torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic attracted the attention of the British Admiralty, which has invited him to call for an interview. The boy, named Morrison, member of a family of fishers on the Hebrides Island of Lewis, was in a water-logged lifeboat with five other survivors of the steamship Arlington Castle. He found that he was the only one among them who knew how to handle a sail, or anything about navigation, so he calmly took charge. With a small compass he set a course, and for a week never left the tiller except to take a turn at the oars to warm himself, although his hands were badly frostbitten. There were plenty of biscuits, condensed milk and some bully beef in the locker, but very little water, so Morrison rationed this, allowing only one spoonful at a time, except in the case of a 65-year-old man, to whom he gave a drink whenever he needed it. The boat on the seventh day was sighted by a Norwegian tanker, which took the castaways aboard.

Mr. Chamberlain's Hold

The London Spectator (Liberal) pays tribute to Prime Minister Chamberlain's "astounding achievement" in maintaining and even strengthening his hold on the House of Commons since the outbreak of war. Last September there were many forecasts of his early departure from office. Now, after seven months, the critics are confounded. "Mr. Chamberlain has, it is true, several bitter critics," says the Spectator. "But they almost all belong to the ranks of those who opposed him in the days of Munich, and even they are constrained by the circumstances of the moment to moderate their stricture. It is safe to say that nothing short of a very considerable disaster could deprive him of the allegiance of his great parliamentary majority."

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. George's Day: St. David, you know, loves leeks and toasted cheese, And Jason was the man brought home the Golden Fleece; But St. George, St. George, he hath the dragon slain. St. George he was for England, St. Denis was for France; Sing, Honi soit qui mal y pense.

Marriage licences realized \$1,501.75 last year. No less than \$9,324.57 was paid by the P. W.D. last year for snow shovelling.

Shakespeare born this date 1564: "He lives in fame, that died in virtue's cause."

Falconwood, though it has a farm, paid \$1,167.20 for eggs, and \$3,224.40 for butter last year.

Falconwood earned \$11,240.45 from patients' fees last year, but only \$725.83 from the produce of the farm.

It cost Provincial Ministers \$2,254.52 to "go picnicing" last year, compared with an estimate of \$1,750.

The gross profit on Government sale of liquors last year was \$110,243.68; and from Hotel and Tourist cabin licenses only \$30.

Unemployment and Fishermen relief cost the Province \$85,280.96 last year, equal to \$1 per head of the population.

The Fishermen's Loan Board cost \$5,625.69 for administration, though the estimate was for \$4,400.

Travelling expenses for members without portfolios were estimated at \$400—they took from the Treasury \$904.52.

The Government spent no less than \$4,027.67 on Government House last year against their estimate of \$1,000. "Someone had blundered."

The Government paid \$2,810 for the Consolidation of Statutes last year, without providing in the Estimates a cent for the work.

It cost \$12,954.48 to administer the Prohibition Act last year, compared with a gross profit of \$110,243.68, leaving a net profit from Government sales, "blood money" of \$97,289.20.

It will be recalled autos were to be banned by the present Government and resort made to bicycles or railway trains, but last year's accounts show that no less a sum than \$4,903.70 was paid by the Treasury for motor vehicle expenses.

The Confederation Celebration last summer, which was such a huge success, the best publicity stunt we ever had under the Tourist Bureau cost \$25,161.98—\$20,000 of which was contributed by the Federal Government.

It cost the Province \$8,135.59 to send Messrs John F. Whear and Albert Murley to New York World's Fair last summer, including "booklets, etc." What did we get for it but a few letters in the Patriot, especially one reflecting on the Provincial Prohibition Law?

Here is a new one on us. The Hon. Mr. LePage collected \$100 from the Treasury for "Acting Minister of Agriculture" though no provision was made for such in the Estimates. If a Portfolio Minister be unable to discharge his duties for any official reason or sickness, it is customary for another minister to act for him without remuneration.

Oh, yes, the Campbell Government were economical in one or two items—they paid in grants to Farmers' Institutes only \$641, though they provided for \$800 in their estimates. They paid for exhibitions and livestock judging \$11,347, though they provided \$11,900 in their Estimates. But then, you see, that was at the expense of practical farming, which in the Government's opinion, can afford to be starved.

School Fairs suffered similarly, \$632.31 being spent against an estimate of \$2,100. Officials in the Field Service on the other hand got \$4,790.80 against an estimate of \$4,000.

The City Council is not seeking to deprive taxpayers of the right of appeal to the Law Courts after all. What the legislation seeks in the present Civic Bill is legal confirmation of the decision of the Special Legal Board of Appeal, of which Judge Palmer was head, recently appointed to investigate and decide tax arrears problems. The legislation in question affects appeals up to 1938—the arrears which had caused so much trouble and vexation—and now that they are got out of the way, recourse to the usual appeal courts will be available to taxpayers as heretofore.

Windfalls in the shape of succession duties for the Provincial Government were as follows: Estates Thomas Campbell, \$10,000; J. A. Brace, \$6,000; G. Holsley Hooper, \$3,520; Cecelia Wyatt, \$3,593.20; Frank Beales, \$2,061.21; Wm. F. Bryan, \$2,264.88; Benjamin Bremner, \$2,417.03; H. D. McEwen, \$2,240.07; Wm. J. McEachern, \$2,732.63; Grace E. McKinnon, \$2,400.65; G. R. Marks, \$2,575.80; James Moreside, \$2,400.65; G. R. McNeill, \$2,390.62; Melvina J. Sanderson, \$2,765.36. Altogether the succession duty realized \$75,311.79.

It costs money for our spend-thrift Government to confer with Ottawa departments as the following shows: Mr. MacIntyre, with Dept. of Labour \$125; Mr. Campbell, with Prime Minister 150; Mr. Foley, Trans-Canada Airways 100; Mr. Campbell, re unemployment 100; Mr. Wells (for Mr. Campbell) Price Control 150; Mr. Massey (on behalf of Mr. Campbell) re Auditor-General's report 198.20; Mr. Campbell, attending Canadian-American League and conferring with Ministers 150; How much of this could have been saved by using the long distance telephone?

NOTES BY THE WAY

A local banker makes the suggestion that at every port of entry into the country, the inspecting customs and immigration officers pass out a card to every in-tourist, giving in plain terms the exchange law as it applies in Canada. Money when he spends it in Canada. On the card, the information can be provided as to the tourist's right to secure the premium on his money, at the then current rate of exchange. Should he arrive at any place of business, where he is refused the premium, the card can be presented. Penalties for inclusion of the law could be included in the printing, so that anyone attempting to "sly" would have the case made plain. The issue of the card, as suggested, would be businesslike and also show good faith from the authorities of the country. It would have an official status, and it is an issue would soon be talked of by all those who in their thousands come and go across the international border. — St. Catharines Standard.

It would be a fine thing if every person in Vancouver could drive out through the Fraser Valley and into the trees above—the frothing white blossoms and pears, the pink-tinted bloom, and now emerging, and the trembling flowers of the cherry trees. It would be better still if we could all drive on farther and down through the Okanagan country in blossom time and see our selves what men have been able to do with the bare sagebrush hillsides there, converting them into a vast garden beside the lake. In the countries of the Old World they have no finer spectacle, no orchards so good as these. Yet the poets have sung for ages about apple-blossom time in Normandy and the vicom down in Kent and Surrey has become one of the legends of the British people. We lack only age here and poets, and we have not begun to realize yet, most of us, what a picture is at our door. — Vancouver Sun.

It is not always easy to discover the reasons for a great speech. There must be an audience, able and ready to respond. There must be a speaker who is inspired and inspiring. To these must be added an extra spark in the occasion capable of touching off the mysterious power that is eloquence. Some combination of events plainly surrounded the event Tuesday at the Hotel Astor. The speaker who attended the Book and Author luncheon — in the shadow of the news from Norway — are still talking and stirring presence and the poignancy of her voice. But the inspiration of the moment, the unmistakable carried over to the printed text. Her winged words deserve to endure as an example of right and simple speech. The philosophy implicit in her thought, like the beauty of her words, stands above place or person. A serene and brave woman spoke her taking heart and gaining wisdom. — New York Herald Tribune.

It is a joyous fight of urban imagination that we may shortly have Mayfair clubmen strolling down Piccadilly in leather leggings, square-topped bowlers, and "suits" ordinary, and with straws between their teeth. Guardsmen on sentry-go outside Buckingham Palace when they left-wheel facing towards the Palace. They will be able to survey acres of blossom, pea and potatoes. For the Office of Works has taken responsibility to heart the "Dig for Victory" and 12 acres of royal parks have been marked out as market-garden allotments. The demesnes are being allocated to various neighboring borough authorities, and cultivation will proceed under expert supervision. The expert gardeners who normally design gorgeous flower-beds, and are now going all agricultural. It is a condition of these park allotments that mainly fruit and vegetables be grown, though there is no absolute taboo on a few flowers, and that they must be for the allotment-holders' own use. The Colonel Newcomes of the becardy service clubs will soon become expert critics from their bow-window armchairs. West End crops. — Ottawa Journal.

Public men have not infrequently complained that the use of their names has been made even though they have been wrongly quoted. This complaint is not so common from men who have been in their graves for 400 years. Yet no public men have evaded greater indignation on this score than that displayed by some of the correspondents who continue to protest against our having attributed to Thomas Cromwell instead of Cardinal Wolsey the famous words: "Had I served God as diligently as I have served the King, He would not have given me over in my grey hairs." The words are so familiar to most people that they have made even an elementary study of English history that practically everybody feels competent to speak authoritatively as to their source. One correspondent sends us a clipping of our original edition in which Cromwell's name stricken out and Cardinal Wolsey's name written in the margin, as though that conclusively disposed of the question. Another correspondent writes briefly that the words were spoken by Cardinal "Wolsey"—a hitherto entirely unknown and unsuspected source—and adds, "Please tell that historian of yours to change his brand." The original edition, with a finality which permits no argument. Still another tells us that we were wrong and cites Green's Short History of the English People as her authority. As we have already pointed out, a mere citation from Green or any other historian who has followed Green is not enough. Eminent an historian as Green was, he was not infallible, and without some reference to the original source from which he drew the quotation his statement is not conclusive. The earliest record of the quotation that we have been able to find is that given by Pierre de Bourdelle who was born in the year that Cromwell was executed and who died in 1614. He had travelled in England, where he saw Queen Elizabeth, and he attributes the words of Cromwell on the authority of the latter's keeper during his imprisonment. If anyone can show that this early historian and biographer was wrong, it will perhaps throw more light on the source of the famous passage than

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian and its readers. Editors endorse the opinions of correspondents.

LIQUOR AND ELECTIONS

Sir,—I read with great interest the various articles appearing in this space, regarding the much talked about Amendment to the Prohibition Act. I particularly noticed an article written by a committeeman, who seems to have the idea that the Liberal Government could not win an election without the aid of alcoholic drinks.

I would like to think that the people of this province are patriotic enough, and have enough interest in the welfare of this Island Province, to take a little time and trouble on election day, to go to their respective polls and vote for whichever Government they think is doing the most good for the Province; without having to be coaxed, cajoled and bribed to vote for any particular party, with a few drinks of alcohol.

I think a person who has to be handled in such a way in order to obtain his vote, has no patriotic spirit whatever. And the Government would get along just as well without the aid of alcohol.

Then consider the harm this liquor causes at elections which could be averted so easily, by not being used. (I should say abuse, because that is what is really done) of these alcoholic drinks. I am certainly not of the same opinion on this subject as the writer of the 18th inst.

I honestly think that the best Government will always be elected, if it has done right by the liquor, if there wasn't a drop of liquor to be had anywhere.

SKUNK BOUNTY

Sir,—On Saturday, members of the P. E. I. Fish and Game Association were informed that it was the intention of the Provincial Legislature, now in session, to remove the bounty of 50c per skunk on skunks. No information was given as to who sponsored the move and no reasons advanced as to why this step should be taken.

Undoubtedly "Jimmy" skunk does a considerable amount of good. He rid a barn of rats (and possibly everything else) and consumes large numbers of flea mice, beetles and harmful grubs.

On the debit side of the ledger, however, are certain proven facts that are hard to overlook. It is a matter of record that in the years preceding the imposing of the bounty, and the condition still existing, a lesser degree of the skunk destroyed thousands of dollars worth of poultry and eggs in this province. Ground nesting game birds such as ducks, snipe, wood-stocks, ruffed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and quail, are known to suffer heavily. Song sparrows, and even low nesting robins, are not beneath their notice. At Brackley Beach and other points along our shores whole colonies of terns have been decimated by the questing skunk. Even at Annandale in 1939, 43 nests of were dug out by the young and eggs eaten by this marauder. During April and May young, helpless rabbits are nosed out from under brush piles and from sunny cradles in the woods and devoured.

Trappers report that during the breeding season houses of the fur-bearing muskrat are dug into and the muskrat is killed and devoured. In the case of a meadow on the young kits. These are all facts that can be proved to the hilt if necessary.

Apart from the damage to our wild life, it was the losses caused to poultry raisers in this province that was responsible for the bounty being imposed. 5 or 6 years ago it was a race between the farmer's wife and the skunk as to who would get the eggs first. Believe me it is not the most pleasant sensation in the world to walk into your henhouse and find a skunk in possession of a nest.

Have our Legislators any argument to advance that this state of affairs will not again exist a year or so after the bounty is removed.

JUDGE SEES CONVICTION

MONTREAL, April 22 (GP)—A statement by chief judge Gustave Perrault that evidence was sufficient for conviction brought to a close today the Crown case against four officers of the bankrupt Stadacona Roubin Mines Limited and a stock salesman charged on a \$4,000,000 fraud conspiracy and conversion indictment.

MAX FACTOR'S SOCIETY MAKE UP

We have just received from Hollywood a full shipment of Max Factor beauty aids. Included in the shipments are such items as: Max Factor Sand and Tissue Cream, Max Factor Honey-suckle Cream, Max Factor Cleansing Cream, Max Factor Brower foundation cream in tints, Max Factor Face Powder in the following shades—natural, hazel, blue, lavender, olive and sun, Max Factor Lipstick.

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Anyone driving on provincial highways contrary to this order shall be duly prosecuted.

Dated the 4th day of April, A. D. 1940. By order, P. S. FIELDING, Clerk of the Executive Council

NOTICE

THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT

As during the last year the Motor Vehicle Branch of the Provincial Government has opened registration offices in Summerside and Montague, where applications for current year's registrations may now be received.

The license fee for trailers weighing 6,000 lbs. and under is at the rate of 40 cents per 100 lbs., with a minimum fee of \$2.00.

P. S. FIELDING, Deputy Provincial Secretary

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The Poet's Corner

THE TIGER

Tiger, tiger, burning bright In the forests of the night, What immortal hand or eye Could frame my fearful symmetry? In what distant deeps or skies Burnt the fire of thine eyes? On what wings dare he aspire? What the hand dare seize the fire? And what shoulder and what art Could twist the sinews of thy heart? And, when thy heart began to beat, What dread hand and what dread feet? What the hammer? What the chain? In what furnace was thy brain? What the anvil? What dread grasp Dare its deadly terrors clasp? When the stars threw down their spears, And water'd heaven with their tears, Did he smile His work to see? Did he who made the lamb make thee? Tiger, tiger, burning bright To the fears of the night, What immortal hand or eye Dare frame thy fearful symmetry? — William Blake (1857-1827)

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